

My name is Dr. William R. Crews and I am the founder of "The Awakening Hour", which is an international gospel program on around 150 stations in the United States.

"The Awakening Hour" began on a few small stations in 1989, using a one camera shot in a rented room. This program has grown into an International Bible teaching and preaching program that reaches 200 million people a day. This program is intended to inform and enlighten.

I was reviewing the FCC Comments made by the Faith and Family Broadcasting Coalition, and felt I must comment on the issue. If an "a la carte" program were in place in 1989, my program would never be on the air today. There are thousands of people out there who have a vision to help spread the word of God. This vision would suffer under an "a la carte" model. Many of these people wouldn't have the chance I had to fulfill the mission of sharing God's word.

The goals of my program are to promote "knowing Christ," and to make Him known through the avenues of media such as radio, television, the internet, the Pulpit, and the printing press. I hope the FCC realizes the damage an "a la carte" system would have on distributing this knowledge.

Thank you,  
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